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Dear Governor and Senate and Assembly Leaders:

We are writing to respectfully urge you to enact legislation to address the crisis surrounding the water supply for the State of California. It is critical that the State's water supply issues are addressed as soon as possible.

As the most populous county in California, Los Angeles County supports the passage of water supply legislation to increase the reliability of State and local water supplies with appropriate infrastructure and equitable funding levels consistent with the following principles:

- **Local Water Reliability and Conservation:** Preserve existing supplies and promote local supply reliability and conservation through various approaches including demand reduction, recycling, and groundwater recharge.
- **Protection and Improvement of Water Quality:** Protect and improve water quality including drinking water, groundwater, stormwater, and urban runoff.
- **New Water Supplies:** Create new water supplies using a variety of approaches including preservation of water by recycling, enhanced storage capacity through seismic retrofit and modification of existing structures and increased utilization of spreading grounds and debris basins.

The Honorable Governor, Senate, and Assembly Leaders

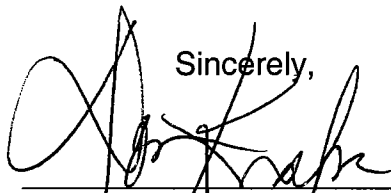
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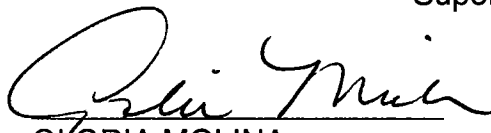
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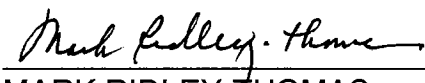
- **Conveyance and Local Storage:** Provide for a reliable statewide stormwater capture, storage, and conveyance system to deliver water supplies to Southern California. Allocate funding for large storage and conveyance systems based on sound planning, engineering, and economic analysis.
- **Bond Funding and Appropriations:** Authorize a significant level of water supply bond funding and appropriations consistent with the above principles.
- **Equitable Allocation Criteria for Regional Projects:** Allocate competitive grant funds primarily on the basis of population to State-recognized Integrated Regional Water Management regions.
- **Delta Sustainability:** Support short-term and long-term actions that create a sustainable Delta ecosystem that will create a healthy, durable estuary and reliable water supply.


We very much appreciate your consideration of this important request, and we are available to work with you to ensure passage of legislation to help address the State's water supply crisis. Please contact any of us directly if you have questions or would like additional information.

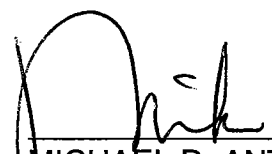
Sincerely,



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